FRSL Working Group Overview

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Flywheel Rotor Safety & Longevity (FRSL)

- Safety concerns should always have the highest priority
 - Mandatory for manned space systems
 - Mandatory for unmanned space systems when workers are around
- Longevity concerns are related to mission success
 - A reliability issue that is applicable to manned and unmanned systems
 - Emphasize on economic life (durability)
- Different requirements should be implemented for different applications to achieve safety and longevity in cost-effective way
 - Flywheels used in manned space systems should meet safety requirements such as NASA STD-5003, Shuttle Payload Fracture Control Requirements
 - Flywheels used in unmanned space systems need to comply with requirements to be developed

Working Group (WG) Objectives

- To develop industry-wide certification standards for rotors of flywheels used in space systems to achieve safety & longevity
 - Military satellites
 - NASA space systems
 - Commercial satellites
- Areas covered in the standards should be multi-discipline oriented
 - Design criteria & analysis techniques
 - Material allowable test methods
 - Fabrication process control requirements
 - Qualification test requirements & approaches
 - Flight rotors acceptance requirements
 - Health monitoring technologies

WG Organization

- Sponsored by NASA/GRC and AF/RL
- Membership open to government/university/industry
 - On voluntary basis
 - No government funding provided
 - Meet twice a year for general membership
 - Non-disclosure agreement will be signed on case-by-case basis
- WG members can select suitable writing panels
 - Flywheel Rotor Safe-Life Certification Standard (NASA or AIAA)
 - Material Strength Test Standards (NASA or ASTM)
 - Implementation Guidelines, Material Database, etc. (NASA)

Current Status

- Many organizations have signed up to participate in WG
 - ETC High Performance Composites, Beacon Power, AFS Trinity Power,
 Barbour Stockwell, Toray Composites (America), Flywheel Energy
 Systems, Optimal Energy Systems, Honeywell, TRW, Lockheed
 Martin, Auburn University, Penn State University, UT/CEM,
 Oak Ridge National Lab., National Research Council- Canada
- In First WG Meeting, members will discuss open issues
 - End products
 - Proprietary data
 - ITAR concerns
- Members will be invited to sign up various writing panels and to elect panel leaders